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ELECTION

Responsive to the January 12, 2009 Restriction, Applicants elect Group 7 (claims 1 and 6 in part and claims 2-4, 11-16, and 25-26) with traverse. As required, Applicants further elect the species corresponding to I75V.

Applicants traverse because examination of the claims requires a search of the six polymorphisms in the three genes. Applicants respectfully assert that all the claims comprise various subsets or combinations of these six polymorphisms. Therefore, it is not an undue burden on the Examiner to examine all the claims, at least because no additional searches are required.

The extension fees are being paid simultaneously by Electronic Funds Transfers. If other fees are deemed necessary, the Office is authorized to charge them to Deposit Account 20-0809.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative with questions.

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